

In the Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 14, wherein said second floor stanchion has a trapezoidal shape.
3. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 14, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises:
 - a top stanchion surface;
 - a front surface attached to said top stanchion surface ;
 - a rear wall attached to said top stanchion surface; and
 - a bottom stanchion surface attached to said front surface and said rear wall, wherein said bottom stanchion surface is parallel to said top stanchion surface.
4. (Original) The modular desk of claim 3, wherein said front surface and said top stanchion surface are angled relative to one another at an obtuse angle.
5. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 4, wherein said rear wall is approximately perpendicular to said top stanchion surface.
6. (Original) The modular desk of claim 4, wherein said obtuse angle is approximately 93.5°.
7. (Original) The modular desk of claim 5, wherein said obtuse angle is approximately 93.5°.
8. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 14, comprising a bracket attached to said worksurface member and said first floor stanchion.

9. (Original) The modular desk of claim 8, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises a slot and said bracket comprises a hook that is inserted into said slot so as to engage a lower edge of said slot.

10. (Original) The modular desk of claim 8, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises n number of slots and said bracket comprises m number of hooks, wherein one or more of said m number of hooks are inserted into corresponding ones of said n number of slots.

11. (Original) The modular desk of claim 10, wherein m is less than n.

12. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 14, wherein said worksurface member is adjustable in height relative to said floor.

13. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 14, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises a cover that is removably attached to a side wall of said first floor stanchion so as to cover an opening formed in said side wall.

14. (Previously presented) A modular desk positioned on a floor comprising:
a worksurface member comprising a top surface and a bottom surface; and
a first floor stanchion having a trapezoidal shape that is supported on said floor and supports said worksurface member;
a second floor stanchion that is supported on said floor and supports said worksurface member, and
a J-shaped bracket attached to said first floor stanchion and said second floor stanchion.

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16. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 13, wherein said J-shaped bracket is aligned with said opening.

17. (Currently amended) A modular desk positioned on a floor comprising:
a worksurface member comprising a top surface and a bottom surface; ~~and~~
a first floor stanchion that is supported on said floor and supports said worksurface member; ~~and~~

a second floor stanchion that is supported on said floor and supports said worksurface member;

a J-shaped bracket attached to said first floor stanchion and said second floor stanchion;
and[.]

a second bracket attached to said first floor stanchion and said second floor stanchion.

18. (Original) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises a cover that is removably attached to a side wall of said first floor stanchion so as to cover a first opening formed in said side wall.

19. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 18, wherein said second floor stanchion comprises a second cover that is removably attached to a side wall of said second floor stanchion so as to cover a second opening formed in said side wall of said second floor stanchion, wherein said first opening is generally aligned with said second opening.

20. (Original) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said first floor stanchion has a trapezoidal shape.

21. (Original) The modular desk of claim 20, wherein said second floor stanchion has a trapezoidal shape.

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102. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 10, wherein $m \leq n$.

103. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 14, wherein said J-shaped bracket comprises:

a horizontal surface having a first edge and a second edge, said first edge being substantially parallel to said second edge;

a first vertical surface integrally attached to said first edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said first vertical surface entirely extends upwardly; and,

a second vertical surface integrally attached to said second edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said second vertical surface entirely extends upwardly.

104. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 103, wherein said second vertical surface is shorter than said first vertical surface.

105. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 103, wherein no cover is directly connected to said first vertical surface and said second vertical surface.

106. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said J-shaped bracket comprises:

a horizontal surface having a first edge and a second edge, said first edge being substantially parallel to said second edge;

a first vertical surface integrally attached to said first edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said first vertical surface entirely extends upwardly; and,

a second vertical surface integrally attached to said second edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said second vertical surface entirely extends upwardly.

107. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 106, wherein said second vertical surface is shorter than said first vertical surface.

108. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 106, wherein no cover is directly connected to said first vertical surface and said second vertical surface.

109. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said second bracket comprises:

a support surface having a first side edge and a second side edge, said first side edge being substantially parallel to said second side edge;

an interior surface integrally attached to said first side edge of said support surface, wherein said interior surface entirely extends upwardly; and,

an exterior surface integrally attached to said second side edge of said support surface, wherein said exterior surface entirely extends upwardly.

110. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 109, wherein said exterior surface is shorter than said interior surface.

111. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 109, wherein no cover is directly connected to said interior surface and said exterior surface.

112. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 106, wherein said second bracket comprises:

a support surface having a first side edge and a second side edge, said first side edge being substantially parallel to said second side edge;

an interior surface integrally attached to said first side edge of said support surface, wherein said interior surface entirely extends upwardly; and,

an exterior surface integrally attached to said second side edge of said support

surface, wherein said exterior surface entirely extends upwardly.

113. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 112, wherein said exterior surface is shorter than said interior surface.

114. (Previously presented) The modular desk of claim 112, wherein no cover is directly connected to said interior surface and said exterior surface.

115. (New) The modular desk of claim 14, further comprising:
a removable rear panel that removably engages with said first and second floor stanchions.

116. (New) The modular desk of claim 115, wherein when said removable rear panel is removed, said J-shaped bracket is still attached to said first and said second floor stanchions.

117. (New) The modular desk of claim 116, wherein said first stanchion includes a rear wall having an upper rear wall and a lower rear wall.

118. (New) The modular desk of claim 117, wherein said rear panel includes a lower hook on an end adjacent a top edge of said lower rear wall and said lower hook engages with said top edge of said lower rear wall.

119. (New) The modular desk of claim 117, wherein said rear panel includes an upper insertion piece and said rear panel engages with said upper rear wall by inserting said insertion piece into a rectangular opening formed on said upper rear wall.

120. (New) The modular desk of claim 17, further comprising:
an upper front panel attached to said second bracket and pivoting from an open position

to a closed position.

121. (New) The modular desk of claim 120, wherein said second bracket is exposed at said open position.

122. (New) The modular desk of claim 120, wherein said second bracket is hidden at said closed position.

121. (New) The modular desk of claim 120, wherein said upper front panel engages with a top edge of said J-shaped bracket to pivot to said closed position.

123. (New) The modular desk of claim 17, further comprising:
a lower front panel attached to said second bracket and pivoting from a downward direction to an upward direction.

124. (New) The modular desk of claim 109, wherein a lower front panel attached to said support surface of said second bracket and pivoting from a downward direction to an upward direction.